

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

**NOVEL AMINO ACID DERIVATIVES AND PHARMACEUTICAL USES
THEREOF COMPOUNDS AND METHODS OF USING THE SAME**

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Please ~~replace~~ the first paragraph after the title (added by preliminary amendment) with the following further amended paragraph: 4P 2/5/10

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/GB2004/002569, filed June 16, 2004, which claims the benefit of British ~~Britis~~ Patent Application Serial No. 2003-0314262.7, filed on June 19, 2003. The contents of both of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.

Please insert the following heading on page 24 prior to the paragraph beginning at line 6, as shown below, along with said paragraph:

Brief Description of the Figures

Figure 1 shows a synthesis route for the production of an exemplary compound according to the first aspect of the invention, namely *N*-Benzyloxycarbonyl-*L*-phenylalanyl-6-dimethylsulfonium-5-oxo-*L*-norleucine bromide salt ('Compound 281'). In step (i) the *N*- α -CBZ-protected amino acid *N*-hydroxysuccinimide ester is reacted with 6-diazo-5-oxo-*L*-norleucine (DON) to produce *Z*-phenylalaninyl bromomethyl ketone, which is then reacted with dimethylsulphide to produce *N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-*L*-phenylalanyl-6-dimethylsulfonium-5-oxo-*L*-norleucine bromide salt.